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1. [redacted] the last outbreak of rinderpest in the USSR occurred during the months of August, September, and October of 1930. The epidemic destroyed most of the cattle in Soviet Armenia, Soviet Georgia, and the Ukraine. Several hundred veterinarians were executed as a result. I heard nothing at the time as to whether the epidemic occurred in other parts of the USSR. The epidemic and the executions were widely publicized in the press. [redacted] Note: the request by the researchers for information on rinderpest in the USSR after 1928 suggests that the epidemic referred to [redacted] actually occurred in that year rather than in 1930.

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2. In 1936 the Government slaughterhouse in Leninakan, Soviet Armenia found rinderpest in a shipment of cattle [redacted] Meth-
ing was published in the press concerning this [redacted]

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3. In 1937 rinderpest was again found in a shipment of cattle, [redacted] how
many cattle were in the lot [redacted] there were 18 cases

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because one [] professor [] at the Erevan Veterinary College visited the slaughterhouse, brought back some infected organs for pathology class, and told [] about it.

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4. After this incident, [] nothing about rinderpest in the USSR originating either from within or without the country. A very good vaccine against rinderpest was developed in 1930 and all cattle were systematically immunized thereafter. []

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